

REBUILD IOWA OFFICE (RIO) LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY

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RIO MISSION:

The Rebuild Iowa Office will lead the State of Iowa's efforts to rebuild safer, stronger and smarter in the wake of the 2008 severe storms and catastrophic flooding.

RIO VISION:

We envision a resilient lowa that will be safe, sustainable and economically strong for its people, reaffirming its ties to the land, rivers, environment and rich cultural history.

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WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?

lowa has received over \$1.4 billion in disaster assistance. The Rebuild lowa Office has detailed the sources below (current as of 01/23/09).

\$530 Million.....State/FEMA Public Assistance \$257 Million......U.S. Small Business Administration Loans \$135 Million......State/FEMA Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance \$85 Million......1st Round CDBG Disaster Funds \$72 Million.....2nd Round CDBG Disaster Funds \$125 Million......3rd Round CDBG Disaster Funds \$62 Million......U.S. Department of Agriculture Funds \$40 Million.....Start-up Funding for Jumpstart Iowa Housing and Business \$23.5 Million......Executive Council Action \$25 Million......lowa Finance Authority tax credits \$23 Million.....U.S. Department of Transportation Funds \$17.1 Million.....Labor/Jobs Assistance \$11 Million.....Social Services Block Grant \$6.5 Million............Disaster Unemployment Assistance \$4 Million.....Economic Development/Transportation funds \$4 Million......RSP/ISP Crisis Counseling Grant \$500.000......College Assistance to Families

RIO FUNDING

The Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) is funded through a \$3 million **Economic Development** Administration (EDA) grant and an \$850,000 Community **Development Block Grant** (CDBG). Both funding sources are federal dollars. The EDA dollars are only allowed to fund specific tasks such as economic impact studies, disaster recovery planning, damage assessments and the work of the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission and its Task Forces. The Rebuild Iowa Office's CDBG money comes from funds earmarked for administrative purposes. Both sources of funding can not be

used to directly assist lowans impacted by the disaster and only provide a certain amount of support for the office until June 30, 2010. Without other funding, the Rebuild lowa Office could see a significant decrease in its capacity to provide services and oversight of the statewide recovery efforts starting approximately January 2010.

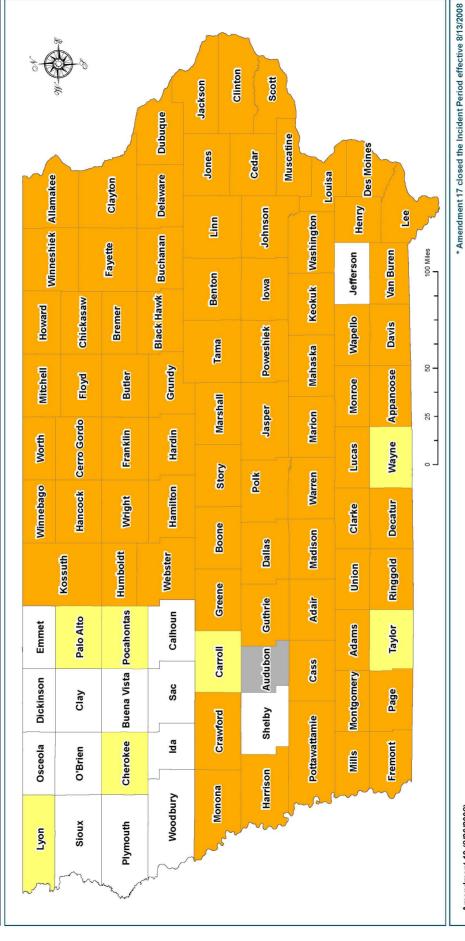
The Economic Development Administration is closely monitoring the success of the Rebuild Iowa Office, while the office assesses and completes a comprehensive disaster recovery plan. The Economic Development Administration intends to use the Rebuild lowa Office as a model for other states to follow with future disasters. The Rebuild lowa Office has already served as a model for a disaster recovery office that is currently being developed in Texas.

While federal dollars fund specific projects in the state, the primary focus of the Rebuild lowa Office is to help the <u>people</u> impacted by last summer's disaster.



ncident Period 5/25 - 8/13/2008* Designated Counties, AMD 19 FEMA-1763-DR-IOWA





Amendment 19 (8/26/2008) Amd 19

Individual Assistance Public Assistance No Designation

Individual Assistance/Public Assistance

eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. All counties in the state of lowa are

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